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PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2161**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Toshiaki HASHIZUME et al.

Group Art Unit: 2161

Application No.: 09/214,519

Examiner: E. LEROUX

Filed: January 7, 1999

Docket No.: 101850

For: OPTICAL MODULATION ELEMENT AND PROJECTION DISPLAY DEVICE

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the September 28, 2005 Office Action, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks. /

At the outset, Applicants would like it noted for the record that this application was filed on January 7, 1999. To date, more than ten Office Actions have been issued against this application including one that reopened prosecution after Applicants filed an Appeal Brief. Applicants view this protracted prosecution as (1) resulting from piecemeal examination and/or failing to fully and fairly consider the various points that Applicants have raised in the various responses, (2) unusual, and (3) unwarranted by the prior art that has been and is being applied. The Examiner indicated an unwillingness to meet with Applicants' representative to discuss the current Office Action, but the undersigned is still willing to meet with the